

HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT MEDIA ALERT

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ANNUAL MEMORIAL CEREMONY

WHAT: The Annual Houston Firefighters' Memorial Ceremony.

WHEN: Saturday, March 18, 2006 at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Houston Firefighters' Memorial Garden

4225 Interwood N. Parkway off JFK

DETAILS: The Memorial was dedicated in 2001 and pays tribute to not only those

firefighters who have died in the line of duty, but also every Houston

firefighter who is "gone but not forgotten."

This year's quest speakers include: Fire Chief Phil Boriskie, Congressman Kevin Brady, Congressman Gene Green, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Senator John Whitmire, Houston Firefighters' Relief & Retirement Fund Chairman Jimmie L. Gill, Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association, Local 341 President Roland Chavez, Hispanic Fire Fighters Caucus, Local 341 Chairman Richard Gomez, Houston Black Professional Firefighters Association President Otis Jordan, and Fire Museum Director

Emily Ponte.